

Granville Public School

Our School Priorities are Literacy, Numeracy, Student Welfare and Social Responsibility



Granville Grapevine

A Newsletter for the Community of Granville Public School

Issue 2 Term 1 2010

Thursday 18th February 2010

URGENT INFORMATION. URGENT INFORMATION... URGENT INFORMATION

We have several students who are anaphylactic. This means they experience severe allergic reactions to a variety of substances. The reaction is life - threatening. In particular these students are allergic to peanut butter- even the tiniest trace of it. All parents are respectfully requested to NOT send their child/ren with any lunches or recesses containing peanuts or peanut butter. Note also: some parents send their children with birthday cakes. No cake should contain peanuts or traces of peanuts. Thanks for your understanding in this matter



From the Principal's desk.....

Dear Parents and Students,

The transition of students into their 'new' classes was very smooth. A sincere thanks to the school community for your understanding and patience. Our students have settled in very quickly and we are most impressed with their behaviour.

The PSSA (Sport against other schools) competition begins this week and we wish all of our teams the best of luck.

Our students are looking sensational in their school uniforms. A few parents have asked about the girls uniform and in particular the wearing of tights and bike pants. Bike pants that can be seen below the hemline of the dress are not to be worn. Also if you determine that your daughter is to wear tights. They are to be

either white or maroon. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Presently a literacy consultant is working with the stage 2 and 3 teachers. We constantly strive to improve our teaching and learn new methods. The consultancy support is very valuable and in the long term benefits your children. Improved teaching leads to improved outcomes for students.

Congratulations to the students who competed at the school swimming carnival. Although there were few in numbers, the behaviour and spirit of the students were excellent.

Our school Cross Country will be taking place on 17 March 2010. All Years 3 - 6 students and Year 2



students who turn 8 years of age this year will be participating. Start practising boys and girls!

The last newsletter stated that Selective High School Tests take place on 18th February. This should have read as 18th March. We apologise for any inconvenience that might have been caused.

Next week is Parent Teacher evening. By now you will have received communication about the evening. We hope to see many of you there.

Ian Millard

Principal

IS YOUR CHILD CROSSING THE ROADS AROUND THE SCHOOL IN A SAFE MANNER ?

I have had reports of many students and parents Jaywalking across the roads outside of the school. Please talk to your child about safe practices when crossing roads. I have written to the RTA requesting some crossings and supervisors but this could take awhile. It is all of our responsibilities to look after the children from our school on the roads Thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

From the Deputy Principal's desk.....

Dear Parents,

Over the last couple of years we have had an increasing number of students in our school with quite severe allergic reactions to a variety of allergens such as nuts, nut products, eggs, sesame seeds, bee stings and dairy products.

This year we have 3 students, including one child in the pre-school, who have a potentially fatal allergy to peanuts and nut products.

It is really important to know that even the smallest amount of a peanut product can cause anaphylaxis which is the medical term for a severe allergic reaction which could result in death.

Even having a mere trace of a peanut product on their skin can cause a severe allergic reaction, including swelling of the throat and inability to breathe. That mere trace of a peanut product can come from playing a game in the playground with a child who has had a peanut butter sandwich for lunch or from a desk or computer keyboard previously used by someone with a smudge of peanut butter on the hand

To lessen the risk of these children being exposed to peanuts, we are seeking the co-operation of all parents, students and staff members. We ask that you avoid sending peanut products to school as part of your child's recess and lunch.

Food to avoid include peanut butter, Nutella, muesli bars, fruit and nut snack packs and chocolate bars such as Picnics and Snickers. Parents who pack leftovers from dinner should avoid sending satays and stir fries containing nuts.

Thank you for your support in helping us provide a safe learning environment for all our children

Terri Casey
Deputy Principal

Education Tax Refund

Eligible families can claim up to \$375 per primary school student and \$750 per secondary school student for legitimate educational expenses under the Education Tax Refund (ETR), but according to the Australian Taxation Office (ATO) only half have lodged a claim, leaving more than \$500 million in unclaimed benefits.

So save those receipts. Taxpayers still have until March-April 2010 to claim out of pocket education expenses for the 2009 school year, if they lodge their individual tax returns through a tax agent. For more information about the ETR visit: www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au or phone 13 28 61.

Getting involved at school

Are you new to the NSW school system? Do you want to know how school will keep you informed and how you can be involved in your child's education.

Watch a video about this in English, Cantonese, Arabic or Dinka at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ezone

REMINDER TO PARENTS

Parents are reminded that payment for excursions or any event needs to be paid
BY THE DUE DATE ON THE NOTE.

Also for **students in PSSA teams** who paid a deposit of \$5.00 for the bus transport to games, the remaining balance of **\$25.00** will need to be paid by
Friday 5 March.

Please place the **correct money** in an envelope with your **child's name, class, amount enclosed** and **state what the payment is for.**

What are students In Kindergarten to Year 2 children learning in SPELLING?

- recognise that language is broken into words
- recognise that words consist of sounds
- recognise the first letter of their name
- recognise the sounds for the letters of the alphabet
- write their name
- trace letters and words
- copy letters and words
- write the sounds that they hear in words
- use some common letter patterns, eg c-a-t, s-u-n, b-i-g
- use their visual memory of words, eg the LOOK, SAY, COVER, WRITE, CHECK method

HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILDREN TO LEARN TO SPELL?

- say speech rhymes and tongue twisters together
- play 'detective' games with words. Ask your child to be a detective and find:- words that rhyme, eg can, fan, man, tan- words that begin with the same sound, eg sun, sausage, sea- words that end with the same sound, eg hat, street- little words in big words, eg 'am' in 'jam'- words that sound the same but are spelt differently, eg ate - eight, to - two - too, their - there
- play word games that focus on the sounds of words, eg *Junior Scrabble, Boggle, Word Snap, Wonderwords, Junior Crosswords, I Spy, Hang-man*
- encourage your child to write words that start with a particular sound
- encourage your child to write words with three letters, five letters and so on
- try to make spelling activities enjoyable
- encourage your child to 'have a go' at spelling words
- encourage your child to 'sound out' words, eg h-i-t, s-a-n-d
- ask your child to write words that are not easily 'sounded out', eg home, watch, after
- encourage your child to develop memory tricks such as 'a piece of pie', 'hear with your ear'
- encourage your child to use the LOOK SAY COVER WRITE CHECK method to spell a variety of words, eg ask your child to: - LOOK closely at the word- SAY the word and then- COVER it- WRITE the word and then- CHECK to see if it is correct!
- 'hear' your child's personal spelling lists
- show your child how to use dictionaries, encyclopedias and thesauruses
- provide positive feedback when your child attempts to spell a word and/or spells a word correctly.



Late for School

It is very important that **all** students arrive at school before the morning bell at 8:55am.

Last year there were over **890** students late for school in **term 4 alone**.

When students are late for school it is very disruptive for the whole class.

Late students may miss out on important messages during line up and important instructions or notices from their teacher when first entering the class.

Parents should be aware that students late to school have a partial absence recorded on the roll and a record of their absentees may be requested when transferring to another school - this is very important for year 6 students going to high school.

Tips to get to school on time:

- Make lunches the night before
- Lay out uniform, socks and shoes the night before
- Pack your school bag with your homework, etc the night before
- Go to bed ½ hour earlier
- Plan to leave home 5 or 10 minutes earlier to allow for traffic (especially if it is raining)

Lets all try to be in time for school this term.

ATTENTION YEAR 6 STUDENTS

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST

The incorrect date was published in the last Newsletter. The correct date for the

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOL TEST

is

Thursday 18 March 2010.

If you are interested in sitting this test, please make a note of this date on your calendar. More information will be available closer to the time.

~~ CALENDAR ~~



Feb	19	PSSA—Round 1
		Open Day at Granville Boys HS and Auburn Girls HS
	22	Preschool Eyesight Screening
	24	Parent /Teacher Evening
	26	Preschool Eyesight Screening
Mar	2	Granville Galaxy P-6 Assembly 2:30pm
		Auburn Zone Swimming Carnival
	16	Regional Swimming Carnival
	17	School Cross Country
	18	Selective High School test

NSW GOVERNMENT SCHOOL TERM DATES

Term 1 Wed 27/01/2010-Thurs 01/04/2010

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION

Each year NSW Government Schools ask parents for a VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION. We do not have fees. The contributions are used to supplement government funds and to purchase school supplies for your children.

The 2010 voluntary contribution amount is

\$20 for one child

\$30 for two or more children

This year all voluntary contributions will be directed to **YOUR** child's classroom. Therefore if there are 25 students in your child's class, the classroom teacher will be given \$500 (25 x \$20) with which to purchase resources for your child and his/her classmates.

Therefore by paying a small voluntary contribution you are **directly aiding your child's education**.

On behalf of the families and the staff who make up the Granville School Community we sincerely thank you for your contribution.

PARENT / TEACHER EVENING

Wednesday 24 February 2010

4:15pm-4:45pm KY, KB, KG, K/1M, 1S, 1C,
K-2U, K-6D, 3-6H

4:45pm-5:15pm 1/2Z, 2L, 3B, 3/4D, 3/4H, 4K

5:15pm-5:45pm 5L, 5/6S, 5/6J, 6L, 5/6D, 3-5F

INSERT

PAID

ADVERTISEMENT

INSERT

PAID

ADVERTISEMENT